¶ Statutys for the orderige of Purueyours or Achatours for the kynges moost honourable houlholde.

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IT is ordeyned anno xiij. E. iij. that no purueyour nor Achatour shall or may take for the kynge by any Cõmyssion or wythoute any Corne/ Hey/ beestys/ caryages/ nor any other goodys of any Archebyshop/ bisshop/ abbotys/ priours/ abessys/ pryoressis/ psones/ vicairs/ or of any other folkes of holy churche agayn their wyll.

¶ Anno primo Ricardi scdi.

¶ And it is ordeyned if any of the sayde Purueyours/ or Achatours so do. Than they shall pay treble damages to be recouered in an accyon of Trespas by any of the saide Archebisshops/ bysshops/ &

other before named so wronged.

¶ Anno xxv. E. iij. Ca. xv.

¶ It is ordeyned that the sayde Purueyours or Achatours shall take any Shepe of the people bytwyxt Ester and Mydsomer / nor tyll the tyme of clyppynge be done nomo than shalbe necessary for the kynges howsholde / and so after / and if they do they shalbe punysshed as robbers & felons.

¶ Anno xviij. Henrici sexti. Reherslynge the Statutys folowynge.

¶ It is ordeyned that accordinge to the Statute made the xxvi. yere of kynge Ewarde the thyrde: that puruey aunces shalbe made for the kynge and the quenys howsholdes / and that redy payement shalbe made in hande after the pryces in the markettys aboute.

And that the heynous names of the Purueyours shulde be chaunged and named achatours.

¶ And if they can nat agre wt the seller of any vitayll: than the pryses whiche shall be for the sayde two howsholdes shall be made by the view: wytnessynge and appreysement of the lordes / or theyr baillyfs and constables and iiij. puable men of euery towne / & that by endēture to be made bytwyxt the saide achatours / & the sayde lordes or baillifs or constables / or the sayde iiij. men conteynynge the quantyte of their pryses / and the pryce of the same so appoynted.

¶ And that suche prises shalbe takyn / and made in couenable & easy maner without dures / thr.ts manasses / or other velany / and that to be done in places where grettest plenty is and shalbe and tyme conuenyent.

¶ And that nomore be taken than shalbe nedeful in his seasion.

¶ And that the noumbre of Achatours be made as fewe as may be to serue.

¶ And that the same Achatours be chosen suffycient to answere to the kynge & to his people.

¶ And that none of theym shall haue deputee.

¶ Also that Cõmyssyons of them shalbe ensealed wyth the kynges great seale / and euery halfe yere to be restored into the Chauncery and other newe Cõmyssions to be made. And that in the sayde Cõmyssions shalbe conteyned the maner & matyer of their takynge and byinge.

¶ Also that no persone shalbe bouden to obey the Achatours of any other lordes: nor the sayde achatours for the kynge & the quene ageyne their wyll. but if they make redy payment in hande: as before is sayde.

¶ Also it is ordeyned that the Prises / and takynges of all maner come & for the sayde two Howsholdes shal be mesured by mesure accordynge to the sayde standard by strykyng

and nat by heape.

¶ And that for the caryages of the saide Corne/ & for all other maner of pryses/ and achatys to be made for the sayde .ij. housholdes redy payement shal be made in hande.

¶ And that nomore of Caryage be nat had than shalbe nedefull in that behalfe.

¶ And if any Achatour make any pryses/ & achatys/ or takynge of caryage in other maner than is comprysed in their cõmyssion: he or they so doynge shalbe aiuged as felons/ and haue iugement/ and execucyon accordynge.

¶ Also it is ordeyned in the sayde plyament that no Achatour of vitayll nor taker of caryage: take/ nor receyue of no maner plone gift/ nor charge nor greue any plone bycause of any suche pryses achatys or caryagys for hatred/ enuye/ euyll wyll/ or procurement/ and if he or they so do/ and therof be attaynt at the suyte of the partye they shall yelde to the partye treble damages/ and shall haue the Imprysonement by the space of two yeres/ and shall be raunsoned at the kynges wyll/ and after shall abiure the kynges court.

¶ And if the partye wyll nat sue: who so euer wyl sue for the kynge shall haue the thirde peny for his suyte. And neuertheles the sayde Achatours and takers shall haue the penaunce aforesaide in thys present artycle.

¶ And that euery achatour vpõ his accompt shal

make playne declaracyon / and seuerally shewe all maner prises and achates / and of euery towne / & persone.

¶ Kynge henry the vj. consyderynge the premysses the sayde xviij. yere of hys reigne at his parlyament holden at westm the xxv. day of Feuerere ye same yere hathe ordeyned and cõmaunded by auctoryte of hys sayde parlyament: That the sayde statutys afore reherced shalbe forever duely obserued and kepte / and put in execucyon. And ouer ye by the same auctoryte that euery purueyour / and Achatour before they haue any cõmyssyon shalbe sworne in the Chauncerye that they shall no thynge take of the people contrary to the saide ordynaũces.

¶ And ouer that hathe ordeyned by the auctoryte aforesayde bicause pore folkes be nat of power nor dare nat make resystence ageyne the purueyours and achatours / nor dare nat sue theym by the law though they do contrary to the sayde Statutys: That the appreysours / and also all the towne and Townes aioynynge if nede be: shal endeuer them wyth all their power to resyst and withstande the sayde Achatours and Purueyours whych dothe contrary to the sayde Statutys / and aslmoche as i theym is to execute the sayde Statutys vpon the sayde Purueyours if they be requyred.

¶ And that any persone greued of his goodys cõtrary to the sayde statutys may chose to haue an

accõn of dette ageyne the sayde appreyseurs Towne or Townes & euery of theym which do nat ther deuer/ or make nat resistence ageyne the sayde purueyours or achatours in fourme aforesayde whan they shall be requyred. Or ellys ageyne the sayde purueyours or achatours/ and euery of theym to recouer the treble value of his goodys so vnlawfully taken. And ouer that his costys/ and damages trebled.

¶ And if any purueyour or other officer of our soueryne lorde the Kynge make to be troubled/ or vexed in marchalsie or ellys where any of the peple by any euyll suggestion/ cause fayned/ Imagened or colour vpon theym for and bicause the execucõn of the sayde statutys shall forfet xx.li. to be payed to the party greued beyonde his costys and damages in that behalf susteyned: and that he may haue an accõn of dette/ and that euery issue tryable in that action shalbe tryed in the same countye where the saide pryses were made.

¶ And that the defendaũtys in that accion/ & i all the sayde cases be nat admytted to wage their law

¶ And they shalbe put to answere withoute fourchynge and that essoyne/ ayde of the kynge nor protection to any of theym be allowed.

¶ And that the Seriant of the chatery shall satisfye all the damages/ dettes/ & execucõs which shal be recouered ageyne euery purueyour & achatour vnder hym in all the cases aforesayde. In case the

Purueyour/ or achatour be nat sufficyent to satys fye.

¶ And that the plainty playntif shall haue a scire facias to haue execucōn ageyne the saide Seriant in that case.

¶ And that the sayde ordynaunces be sent to the Justyces of peas in euery shyre to ꝓclayme the in euery yere/ and to enfourme the people of the same

¶ Finis.

Also if ther be eny tenūt heraster do conseile from the lorde eny right that belongith to the lorde for favour or for malice ande that that conseilement duly proued that then the same tenūt to forfaite ande lose to the lorde Os ac oston ac that case shall happen to fall

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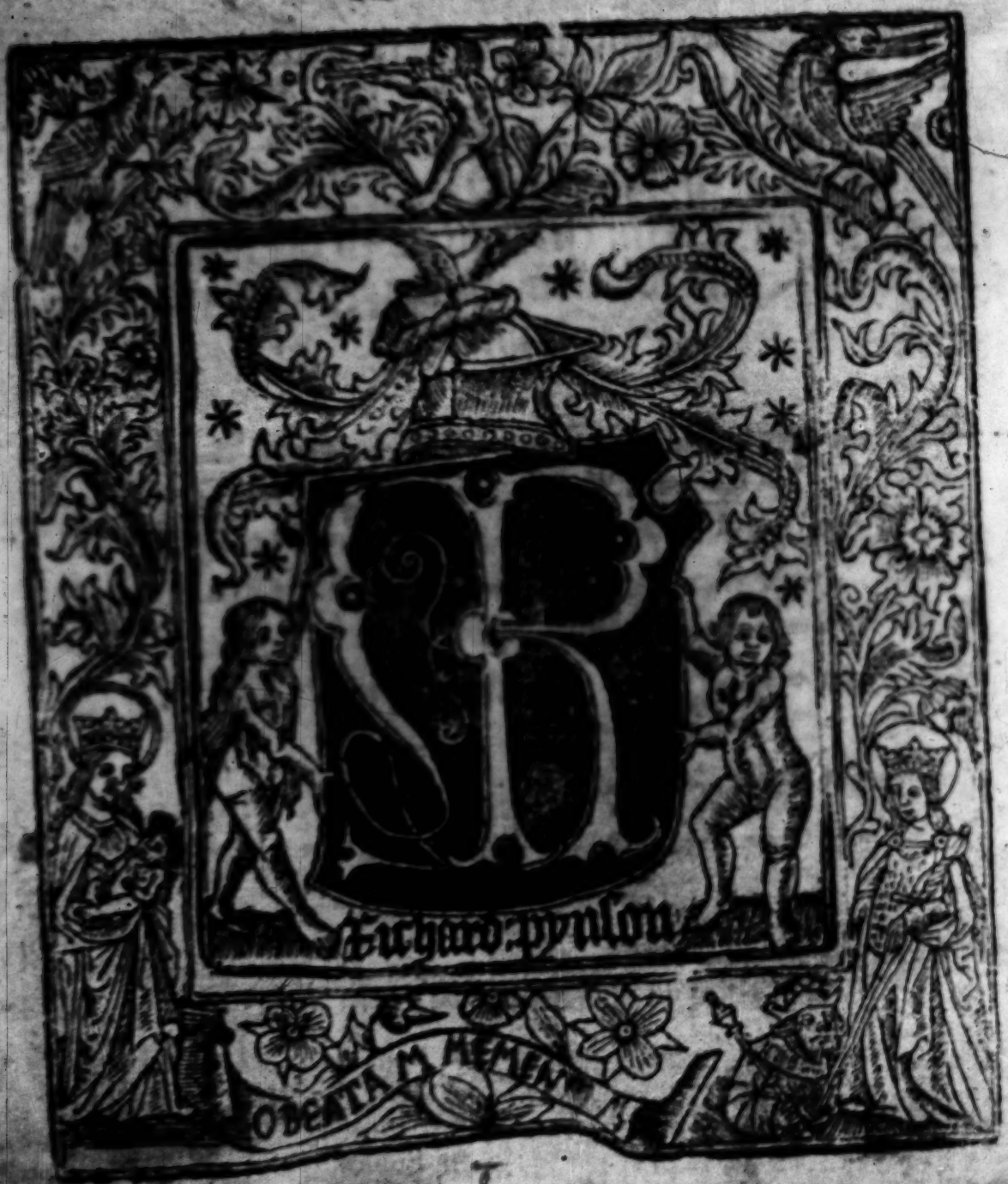
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